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**THE NORTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURAL WATER RESOURCES ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

**AgWRAP Review Committee**

Monday, February 11, 2012: 1:30pm-4:00pm

**North Carolina Farm Bureau, Board Room**

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Attendees: Greg Hughes, Tom Hill, Julie Henshaw, Chester Lowder, Pat Harris, Natalie Woolard, Gary Higgins, Marvin Cavanaugh, David Williams, Kelly Whitaker, Tom Ellis, Matt Flint, Dewitt Hardee

- I. Welcome and introductions
- II. Minutes from December 2012 meeting - approved by consensus
- III. Buncombe Soil and Water Conservation District AgWRAP pond presentation  
Anthony Dowdle, Soil Conservationist/NCACSP Technician with the Buncombe Soil and Water Conservation District, gave a presentation regarding the first pond installed through AgWRAP in the western part of the state at Full Sun Farm. This project was a success and included the work of many people.
- IV. Review draft AgWRAP rules  
The committee discussed the rule making process and spent time reviewing draft rules. Refer to attachment A for the draft rules prepared during the meeting. This item will be revisited at future meetings.
- V. Cultural resources review  
Division staff has been working with state Cultural Resources staff to define the review process for state funded projects. The following guidance was provided based on project funding type:

**Work done by landowner without cost share assistance (including no technical assistance)**

For work done by a landowner without cost share assistance, there is no review requirement.

**Work done with state cost share assistance and/or technical assistance**

For state cost share – only has to consider national register properties, as described in GS 121-12.

These locations can be located using a map view: <http://gis.ncdcr.gov/hpoweb>

If a state cost share project is found to be in a national register location, visit:

[http://www.hpo.ncdcr.gov/er/er\\_email\\_submittal.html](http://www.hpo.ncdcr.gov/er/er_email_submittal.html)

Follow the project review checklist and submit by email to [Environmental.Review@ncdcr.gov](mailto:Environmental.Review@ncdcr.gov)

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**Work done with federal cost share assistance or technical assistance**

Federal cost share have to review properties that are listed and have the potential to be listed as national registered properties. The federal review process is more restrictive.

NRCS offered that their cultural resource specialist is willing to assist with state funded projects. They also voiced concern that not all resources are listed on the GIS accessible maps (ex. tribal artifacts, etc).

The division will continue to work on a process for all state cost share programs to follow. However, districts are encouraged to follow the NRCS process in the interim for state funded projects, and are required to follow it if federal funds or federally awarded job approval authority is being used for the project.

**VI. Water infrastructure survey**

This item was tabled, as an update was not available at the time of the meeting.